

TESTAMENT TIMES BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES

THE KINGDOM OF PEACE

Micah 4:1-5—May 28

"Tation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

THE whole world has for a long time been boasting that civilization and Christianity have won the day, that the world has become God's Empire and that the blessings of the Millennium are ours to enjoy. Aid Conferences and Peace Councils and Peace Commissions have stared up for the moment, only to die down. The cry of "Peace, peace," has brought no peace.

We are beginning to see that we have been deceiving ourselves into thinking that the nations of the earth are kingdoms of God. We are beginning to see that the Bible styles them "kingdoms of this world," kingdoms of the Gentiles, and that it tells us that "the Prince of this world" is Satan.

We see it all. The Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, for which the Master taught us to pray, has not yet come. We are glad, however, that the Divine promise assures us that it will come and explains to us that the All-Wise Creator is now, first of all, preparing for his Kingdom by gathering from amongst mankind a worthy, saintly few, to be associates of their King and Redeemer in that Kingdom, by which the world is to be blessed.

But all are not yet convinced of these Bible truths.

To convince the more prejudiced nothing further should be necessary along these lines than to point out the difference between present conditions and those which the Scriptures declare will prevail when He who redeemed the world by the sacrifice of Himself will take His great power and reign as Messiah.

In Our Favored Land

The United States of America does not lead the world in the size of its standing army and in great battleships. She has no need to do so, having no threatening Christian (by nations) to menace her. Yet even this nation, walled about by thousands of miles of ocean, is making enormous expenditures on account of war, as the above diagram will illustrate.

One of the most modern of the battleships of the United States Navy is named the *North Dakota*, after one of the States. She cost \$10,000,000.

The *Mississippi Journal* shows what the money expended for this battleship would have accomplished in the State for which she is named. It would have provided a \$25,000 agricultural school and experimental farm in its every county, with an endowment fund of \$175,000 for each school, the interest on which would have provided \$10,500 annually for the maintenance of each school. Additionally, it would have left \$1,000,000 of an endowment for the State Agricultural College.



The situation in Europe is still worse. Does not this preparation of the so-called Christian nations of the world to destroy one another prove that there is a mistake—the term Christian has been misapplied to them? Nor can we say that there is no danger, for only four could lead to such costly preparations for war.

Pray For Messiah's Kingdom

The hope for humanity is the Messianic Kingdom. The "mountain of the Lord's house" signifies the Kingdom of God's house, His Church. It will be established in the top of or above the kingdoms of the world. It will be exalted amongst the nations and all peoples will flow to it. There will be an attraction in it for all. It will lead them to climb upward. The attraction which will thus draw mankind will be the blessings of health and restitution, which the Kingdom will be prepared to grant to all peoples as they shall come into harmony with its requirements.—Acts 3:19-23.

That Kingdom will be closely identified with the Zionist movement and the Holy Land. The Kingdom itself will be spiritual, invisible to men, but its earthly agents will be visible and they will be Jewish—"Ye shall see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the Prophets in the Kingdom," etc. (Matt. 23:35). The Jews, already impelled toward the Land of Promise, will go thither in increasing numbers, and all of the faithful of them will go in sympathy and representatively, through financial assistance. The Israelitish hopes and promises will attract that number strongly first. And gradually all the nations, learning of the grace of God, and the blessings of restitution to be bestowed, will say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us (as well as the Jews of His ways and we will walk in His paths."

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WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS.

NEWS FROM COUNTIES JUST ACROSS THE RIVER IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Ben F. Evans, a well known formerly of Wayne was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary last Thursday in the Cabell County Court. He pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery.

Court adjourned last Wednesday evening. There were not many cases tried at this term of court on account of it being a very busy time of the year. In our next issue we will give the proceedings of the entire term.—Wayne News.

There is a movement now on foot to construct a railroad between Hamlin and West Hamlin connecting with the C. and O. at the latter point and for the purpose of conveying freight from West Hamlin to Hamlin together with passengers traveling to the county seat of Lincoln county. For a long time the need of such a line has been sorely felt and especially in the winter time when the bad roads shoot the transportation rates to such exorbitant figures that the public compelled to use the hacks between the two points, felt like rebelling or using dynamite on the jehus.

West Virginia is one of the richest and most rapidly developing territories in the whole world. Its wealth in coal, gas, oil, lumber and other natural resources, is almost beyond comprehension. Its coal area alone is 6,800,000 acres, each acre being capable of producing 10,000 tons of coal, making 68 billion tons. In 50 years, less than one per cent of this coal has been mined, the remainder of this vast wealth being still in the earth.

The development of the natural resources of West Virginia has resulted in the opening of a great new trade territory tributary to this city. The last census shows that the West Virginia cities are among the fastest growing cities of the United States.

"Millions of dollars worth of merchandise of all kinds, all sorts of manufactured articles, machinery, and supplies of every description are sold in West Virginia annually."

The above is an extract from the advertising literature of the Cincinnati trade boomers, who made such a successful trip recently and shows how this state is regarded by people who are anxious to secure some of our trade.

Kinora in a short time will be one of the important centers in the state and the people should be alive to the possibilities of this city.—Tri-State Enterprise.

PROGRAMME.

Sunday School Convention to be held at Martha, Sunday, June 11, 1911:

9:30, Scripture and prayer, Dr. Rev. A. C. Hay.

9:45, Welcome address, G. M. Sparks.

10:00, Response, M. S. Burns.

10:15, Ate place and power of the Sunday school in the Salvation of the World, W. J. Vaughan.

10:45, The authority for the Sunday school, Rev. L. M. Copley.

11:15, The County Work, Chas. Holbrook.

11:30, Am I my Brother's Keeper? G. V. Burton.

Appointment of committees.

Noon.

1:30, Song and prayer.

1:5 How to get folks to attend Sunday school, O. J. Vaughan.

2:00, The Sunday school at work, R. C. McClure.

2:30, The world wide movement, W. J. Vaughan.

3:00, Why should the children be kept in Sunday school? F. E. Holbrook, W. F. Dean and others, ten minutes each.

G. W. KOUNS, President.
G. V. BURTON, Secretary.

HOME CIRCLE COLUMN.

COLUMN DEDICATED TO TIRED MOTHERS AS THEY JOIN THE HOME CIRCLE.

There is no fault so hard to overcome as the hasty temper. We may make any number of good resolutions, and then the first time we have any provocation away we go without an instant's warning and before we realize what we are doing the unkind words have been spoken, and no matter how much regret we feel they cannot be unsaid.

Children are very observant and even the tiny little ones notice the difference between the smile and the frown on the parent's face. Year by year, as children grow older and the souls, minds and hearts begin to expand under the influence of the environments, sensitive children usually cultivate unconsciously the mother's disposition. The child will be sad and melancholy if the mother sighs and complains. If the child is independent and self-reliant often under such circumstances it will become stubborn and defiant. When the child leaves the childhood behind and becomes a young man or woman then the evil effects of the sad mother becomes still more apparent.

It is in the home that woman rises to her truest heights and wields her widest influence. Every home is a miniature world and the wife is a crowned queen. The wife who makes society and finds her husband a devoted club man. The woman who fills her head with many of the ideas and pleasures of much that is called society, soon wants to entertain her husband any evening she may not have some other engagement with cards. She plays just as she did to win some prize at progressive euchre or whist parties. She cheats a little, and they have a little spat over it, and then another and another, and presently she fires something at his head, but misses it and hits the motto over the door, "God Bless Our Home." Their little boy says, "Ma, you missed pa's head, but you gave the motto hall Columbia." Often the only question to be decided in that home is, "who shall have the boy?" God pity the woman who has set her heart on much that is in modern society.

There are a thousand pretty, engaging little ways, which every person may put on without running the risk of being deemed affected or foppish. The sweet smiles, the cordial bow, the earnest movement in addressing a friend, the inquiring glance, the graceful attention which is so captivating when united with self-possession—these will insure us the good regards of even a churl. Above all, there is a certain softness of manner which should be cultivated, and which, in either man or woman, adds a charm that almost entirely compensates for lack of beauty, and inestimably enhances the latter where it does not exist.

Time was when woman was described as the helpmeet of man. Was it only a phrase, and meaningless? Possibly, but then, words in the Bible mostly did mean something. The time, too, was and yet is in some quarters of the world, when a woman was a helpmeet and accepted and worked up to her position as such. She did not demand everything and do nothing. Why is marriage easy and universal in such a country as Japan? Life there is simple; two or three small rooms, a few dishes, a mat upon which to sleep, one dress, a little rice and some fruit—these suffice for all, rich and poor alike, in a great city like Yeddo, which has a civilization as perfect and as old as ours. And it

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is not a life of stupidity or barbarism; all can read and write; manners are good; books and pictures are plenty; theatres abound; processions and festival days enliven life. It is easy to see, therefore, why marriage is not a fearful thing in that far-off land; and by contrast it is easy to understand why few have the courage to dare it here.

Let our homes be places of love, joy and brightest sunshine, places of enduring love that outlasts the wedding day, and which produces a life of one long unbroken honeymoon, the molding place of character, a place where the child breathes an atmosphere perfumed by the choicest flowers of heaven, where it finds the greatest earthly security in mother's loving, fostering care.

There is only villainous abominations in the doctrine that leads a creature, called by courtesy a man, to announce that a transfer of his affections warrants a breach of loyalty and desertions of one who has become his wife and the mother of his children. No guile of prophecy can cover so vile a principle; no charm of poetry gild so hateful a treason, and the breath of perdition is on the lips of all such as advocate anything else than loyalty to wifehood and manhood.

There are few things more tantalizing to a man than to go home with something on his mind he wants to scold about, and find company there, and be obliged to act agreeably.

There is nothing more convenient for the lonely dwellers of the rural districts as well as for the more civilized inhabitants of a town than the telephone. It is really a most obedient and faithful servant, ready to carry our important or unimportant messages without a murmur. It brings and keeps practically the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker as well as the doctor, the preacher and the merchant at your door.

HOUSTON FARM, OHIO.

Noah Ross was visiting Miss Senda Cassel Sunday.

John Gibson and wife, Ferret Gibson and wife and Miss Senda Cassel spent a day last week at Deer Creek.

Mrs. Mary Gibson, and sister, Miss Senda Cassel were visiting at Henry Cassel's last week.

Mrs. Florence Cassel and two children were visiting Mrs. Mary Gibson Monday.

Curtis Moore has been on the sick list, but is a little better now.

Mrs. Artie Boggs was visiting Mrs. Pearly Moore Friday.

Claude Smith has purchased a mare and a fine colt this spring.

J. M. Gibson was visiting John Smith Tuesday.

The Urbana school will be out Friday.

Miss Senda Cassel was visiting at Willard Moore's Friday.

Mrs. Dora Gibson was visiting Rose Caudill Friday.

Claude Smith has purchased a nice lot of cattle.

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Miss Florence O'Donnell was visiting her sister Tuesday.

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ELLEN.

Uncle James Poe is very low at this writing.

J. C. Akers and son went to Louisa Saturday.

James Curnutte and wife visited his brother W. D. Curnutte and wife Sunday.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Mart Roberts.

Rev. D. B. Kasee preached an interesting sermon at Springdale Sunday morning.

Program.

For entertainment to be given at Mattie, Ky., the 30th night of May, by the K. G. E.'s.

Castle open in due form at 6:30 o'clock, p. m.

Song by choir.

Prayer by A. L. Moore.

Welcome address by W. J. Pugh.

Response, J. M. Moore.

Song by choir.

Origin and principles of the K. G. E.'s by E. G. McKinster.

What makes a good subordinate? J. T. Moore's close supper.

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Song by choir.

Relationship of the K. G. E. to substitution to Christianity by A. L. Moore.

The general principles of the K. G. E. by Johnny Hayes.

The beginning and progress of the K. G. E. by G. B. O'Rear.

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